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JAN BREWER, ARIZONA / IMMIGRANTS - LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC - In Arizona, which passed one of the nation's toughest anti-immigration laws, Gov. Jan Brewer signed an executive order Wednesday directing state agencies to deny driver's licenses and other public benefits to illegal immigrants who obtain work authorizations under the program. Brewer said the federal program doesn't give immigrants legal status and she's following the intent of the current state law denying public benefits to them

DREAMERS LAW SUIT - JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - President Obama's decision earlier this year to offer work permits and a two-year stay of deportation for some young undocumented immigrants was ripped by Republicans as an election-year giveaway to Mr. Obama's Latino supporters - but it also carries political risk for the Obama administration itself. The so-called DREAMers can begin applying Wednesday under the new Obama program, formally known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). The risk is that few people will trust the government enough to apply for the program and that it becomes an election-year sop with little impact among DREAMers - leaving the broader Latino community feeling let down by the president, say advocates for immigrants.

FLORIDA DHS DATABASE - For nearly a year the state has haggled with the Department of Homeland Security over access to its immigration database. Today, the haggling paid off. This afternoon DHS officially granted the state access. The database will help the state identify non-US citizens who are illegally registered to vote in Florida. Chris Cate, a spokesman with the Florida Division of Elections says the state wants to begin its new voter purge as soon as possible.

NILE VIRUS - RODOLFO SANCHEZ. DALLAS, TEXAS - Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings on Wednesday declared the city's recent West Nile virus outbreak to be a state of emergency and authorized the first aerial spraying of insecticide in the city in more than 45 years. Dallas and other North Texas cities have agreed to the rare use of aerial spraying from planes to combat the nation's worst outbreak of West Nile virus so far this year. Dallas last had aerial spraying in 1966, when more than a dozen deaths were blamed on encephalitis. More than 200 cases of West Nile and 10 deaths linked to the virus have been reported across Dallas County, where officials authorized aerial spraying last week. State health department statistics show 381 cases and 16 deaths related to West Nile statewide

DEFERRED ACTION PROGRAM - JAIME GARCIA. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - PKG 2:00 - The Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) has not yet estimated how long it takes to process applications Deferred Action program, which in English is known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals or TAT. However, activists and movement leaders DREAM Team, spoke to reports obtained by or before November elections would be giving the first work permits. Be until early September when USCIS have an idea how many applications have to handle, because they are sent by post

BREWER EDICT CONTRADICTS LAW - Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer's executive order telling state agencies to deny driver's licenses to illegal immigrants granted work permits through President Barack Obama's deferred-action program has ignited a debate that likely will spread to other states. On Wednesday, the same day the deferred action took effect nationally, Brewer ordered state agencies to initiate policies to

make sure any undocumented immigrant granted deferred action wouldn't receive a driver's license or other public benefits. But her order contradicts the current practice in Arizona, which issues driver's licenses to illegal immigrants who have been granted work permits as part of other types of deferred action

GAS PRICES - LUIS MEGID. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA- The price of oil rose to its highest point in three months Friday, topping off four straight days of gains, on signs U.S. consumers are gaining confidence in the economy. Benchmark oil rose 41 cents in New York to end at \$96.01 -- the first time it's finished above \$96 since May 11. It gained 3.4 percent this week on positive economic data and a drop in U.S. oil supplies, and is up 23 percent from its late-June low. The Thomson Reuters/University of Michigan preliminary August index of consumer sentiment released Friday showed its highest level since May. Most economists had been expecting a decline. That, combined with surprisingly strong retail sales and housing data, spread hope this week that the economy is gaining traction. Consumer spending drives roughly 70 percent of growth. Word that the Obama administration is considering a release of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to stem the rising cost of crude appeared to have more impact on Brent crude, which is used to price international varieties of oil

CHILDREN LEFT IN HOT CARS - LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC - PKG 2:00 - Parents' leaving their kids in the backseat of cars during the sweltering days of summer has become an all-too-familiar scene in the United States. Twenty-three children have died of hyperthermia in cars in 14 states this year and eight of the deaths occurred in the first week of August. Nearly 40 children die this way each year, according to Kids and Cars. The latest death was Aug. 7 when, police say, Stephanie Gray, 38, forgot to drop off her five-month-old son, Joel, at a church day care in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Instead, Gray dropped off her 11-year-old at school and returned home, leaving Joel in the backseat of the minivan, according to ABC News affiliate KLTN

TOBACCO COULD KILL 1 BILLION THIS CENTURY - MARIA LUISA MARTINEZ. - About half the men in numerous developing nations use tobacco, and women in those regions are taking up smoking at an earlier age than they used to, according to what is being called the largest-ever international study on tobacco use. The study, which covered enough representative samples to estimate tobacco use among 3 billion people, demonstrates an urgent need for policy change in low- and middle-income countries, said lead researcher Gary Giovino, whose report was published in the British medical journal The Lancet. The figures bolster statements by the World Health Organization that while much of the industrialized world, including the United States, has seen a substantial reduction in smoking in recent years, the opposite trend is under way in parts of the developing world

DRIVERS LICENSES - JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - Governor Jan Brewer ignited a firestorm Wednesday when she signed an executive order making it seemingly impossible for so-called dreamers to get a driver's license in the wake of President Obama's deferred action program. Deferred action by the president confers neither lawful status or lawful presence on an individual, said Matthew Benson, the Governor's spokesperson. The Governor said that is why she issued an executive order on the issue. Certainly we have issues here in Arizona we are concerned about in regards to driver's licenses people in the state unlawfully and public benefits, said Brewer

US WEST NILE SECOND DAY SPRAYING - VO: 32 - A second night of aerial spraying got underway last night in Dallas -- part of the fight against mosquitoes in a deadly West Nile virus outbreak. But pilots only got a couple hours of flying time before bad weather forced them to cancel the rest of the aerial drops. Four planes were to cover more than 270 square-miles with pesticide. Texas has been hit especially hard by the outbreak. The virus has killed at least 14 people there, and another 12 in other parts of the U-S

BRAIN CANCER- - LUIS PARADA STUDY - MARIA EUGENIA PAYAN - MIAMI, FLORIDA - How can a cancer come back after it's apparently been eradicated? Three new studies are bolstering a long-debated idea: that tumors contain their own pool of stem cells that can multiply and keep fueling the cancer, seeding regrowth. If that's true, scientists will need to find a way to kill those cells, apart from how they attack the rest of the tumor. Stem cells in healthy tissues are known for their ability to produce any kind of cell. The new research deals with a different kind, cancer stem cells. Some researchers, but not all, believe they lurk as a persisting feature in tumors. Over the past decade, studies have found evidence for them in tumors like breast and colon cancers. But this research has largely depended on transplanting human cancer cells into mice that don't have immune systems, an artificial environment that raises questions about the relevance of the results

OBESITY STUDY - ON CAMERA: 1:13 - Older Americans are living longer, healthier lives than in past generations, according to new government research. However, rising obesity rates and high housing costs could take a toll on these gains in longevity, the report found. For the report, the U.S. Federal Interagency Forum on Aging-Related Statistics researchers looked at 37 indicators of well-being to assess how older Americans are faring as they age. Broad categories included population, economics, health status, health risks and behaviors, and health care. The researchers also examined seniors' end-of-life care the nation's top health experts call it a serious, life-altering disease and tonight, the west nile virus is now a problem from coast to coast... and we are getting a better sense how severe and historic this outbreak is. the centers for disease control reports 26 deaths so far. and nearly 700 confirmed cases this

CANTALOUPE OUTBREAK - VO: 22 - health officials are now racing to get the tainted fruit which has now been found in 20 states off store shelves. there are at least 141 cases so far...in 20 states and 2 deaths in kentucky. authorities now believe they have found the source: cantaloupe from a farm in southwestern indiana. the centers for disease control and prevention says: - if the melon comes from southwestern indiana, throw it out - if you don't know where the melon was grown, throw it out. - if in doubt, throw it out. and seek medical help if you experience diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps this scare comes nearly a year after cantaloupe from colorado caused an outbreak of listeria, killing 30 people in one of the deadliest food borne crisis in decades.

GAS PRICES - Gas prices across the country continue to climb above year-ago prices, a trend that began last week after more than 100 days of holding below 2011 prices. triple-A says the national average price for a gallon of regular gas is \$3.72. This price is 5 cents more than one week ago and 29 cents more than one month ago. It's also 14 cents more expensive to pump gas than last year at this time. While the national price at the pump continues to rise, it's still 22 cents below the yearly peak price for 2012 of \$3.94 on April 5. Nervous firefighters kept an eye out for potentially dangerous weather conditions as

they struggled to contain a large blaze in central Washington state on Saturday. Many residents who live on the south and east sides of the 35-square mile blaze near Cle Elum returned home to find out whether their homes were spared. the so-called Taylor Bridge Fire has burned out of control for much of the week, destroying dozens of residential properties and hundreds of other structures on the east side of the Cascades

NEW SCHOOL YEAR LARGER CLASSES- LILIANA ESCALANTE - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - Millions of students around the united states return to school tomorrow. However, many school districts will not be able to provide the education necessary due to budgets cuts. This is affecting the hiring of new teachers, and this leaves many parents worried about the education for their children. \

HISPANICS AND EDUCATION - LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA - On Monday, Pew Hispanic Center will release a new report analyzing Hispanic enrollment in public schools and on college campuses. It finds that Hispanics reached a number of milestones in 2011: They are now the largest minority group on two-year and four-year college campuses and constitute nearly 25% of public elementary school students

DIFERRED STUDENTS COSTS - LILIANA ESCALANTE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - Many dreamers are not getting advantage of the diferred action program because of the high costs of the paper work.

IMMIGRATION EFFECTS ON FAMILIES - LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON, DC - More often than not immigration enforcement is discussed in terms of numbers, such as the number of people deported or the government dollars spent each year. What often isn't discussed are the families and communities who feel the impact of record-breaking deportations. In just the first half of last year, 46,000 parents of U.S. citizen children were deported in leaving behind single parents and their children in America. With over 11 million unauthorized immigrants living in the country, and over 16 million people living in mixed-status families (with at least one U.S. citizen, and one undocumented immigrant,) deportations affect a wide swath of the population

BORDER DEATHS HISTORIC RECORD - Border deaths at historic highs even as crossings plunge
Historically low numbers of people are crossing the border illegally into Southern Arizona this year, but they're still dying at historically high rates. In the 10 months through July 31, remains of 161 suspected illegal immigrants have been found in Southern Arizona from New Mexico to the Yuma County line. That puts this year's death toll on pace to end up at about the annual average for the last decade - 197 - even though that period includes years when there were three to four times as many attempted crossings

SB 1070 ARIZONA - JAIME GARCIA / PHOENIX, ARIZONA - A federal judge in Phoenix will begin considering on Tuesday whether Arizona's tough ``show me your papers'' immigration law can go into effect, as the state grapples with hundreds of thousands of illegal immigrants. At the same time, District Court Judge Susan Bolton's hearing marks a fresh bid by immigration rights advocates to halt provisions of the Arizona law, already partially upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, that requires police to check the immigration status of people they stop and suspect are in the country illegally. Attorneys for the ACLU and several immigration groups have asked Judge Bolton to temporarily block the law until she can consider fresh arguments against it that differ from those presented to the high

GEORGIA IMMIGRATION RULING - JORGE VIERA / ATLANTA, GEORGIA - A federal appeals court in Atlanta ruled Monday that Georgia may start enforcing a law that empowers state and local police to investigate the immigration status of certain suspects But the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals also said it recognizes arguments from civil and immigrant rights activists that this statute invites a host of other problems, namely racial profiling Reliance on race, color, or national origin that is constitutionally prohibited, however, is expressly forbidden by the Georgia statute, the court said in its 33-page ruling, released Monday

ALABAMA IMMIGRATION PROTEST - Demonstrators gathered outside an apartment complex in Hoover, Alabama to rally for immigrant rights. Immigrants in Hoover and organizers from the National Day Laborer Organizing Network were joined by a group called No Papers, No Fear. They're a group from Arizona who have been traveling across the Southeast. Its purpose is to fight for immigrant rights. Today the issues at the center of the protest were the living conditions at an apartment complex.

NY COPS FAVOR WHITES - BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK - PKG 2:14 - If the NYPD has a bias, it's toward saving lives. Our officers, often at great risk to themselves, have saved lives, by the thousands, of those at greatest risk of being murdered, namely young men of color. During the first 10 years of the Bloomberg Administration there were 5,430 murders compared to 11,058 in the 10 years prior, a reduction of 51% or 5,628 lives saved. If history is a guide, the vast majority of those lives saved were young men of color.

REPUBLICAN PROPOSAL -LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC - PKG 2:00 - Kris Kobach, the Kansas Secretary of State and author of Arizona's tough immigration law SB 1070, is influencing the GOP platform process in terms of immigration policy. During a meeting of the GOP platform committee in Tampa, Fla., Kobach called for the party to officially back increased border fencing and the E-Verify employment verification system, and to go after two immigrant-friendly initiatives: in-state tuition for some undocumented young people and so-called sanctuary cities. Those measures were in the 2008 Republican platform but had been dropped from the draft this year

ARIZONA BREWER - JAIME GARCIA. PHOENIX, ARIZONA - Anti-immigrant legislation in Arizona is creating hurdles for undocumented youth wishing to enroll in the new federal deferred action program announced by the Obama Administration last June, that would defer deportation for certain undocumented immigrants and allow them to obtain work permits for a renewable period of two years. To qualify for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), applicants need to have been younger than 16-years-old when they entered the country illegally. They must also meet other criteria, such as being enrolled in high school or having earned a diploma or General Education Development (GED) certificate, and an absence of certain criminal convictions. But in Arizona, a state law - Proposition 300 -- approved by voters in 2006, bars state-funded schools from offering free GED classes to undocumented immigrants, making the path to DACA eligibility difficult for those who may have aged out of the high school system but still wish to become eligible for the new federal program

WEST NILE VIRUS - VILMA TARAZONA. MIAMI, FLORIDA - The number of U.S. West Nile virus infections has jumped more than 60 percent in the past week, putting this year's outbreak on track to be the worst

on record, and federal health officials are stumped by its severity. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control on Wednesday said 1,118 cases and 41 deaths have been reported so far this year, up from fewer than 700 cases and 26 deaths just one week ago. Real-life "Contagion" uses DNA to halt outbreak

ROMAINE LETTUCE RECALL VO :14 - A California farm is recalling lettuce that may be tainted with E-coli bacteria. The producer says a shipment of romaine lettuce was sold as Tanimura and Antle Field Fresh Wrapped Single Head Romaine. It may have a sell-by date of August 19th on its plastic bag. The lettuce was distributed to 19 states as well as Canada and Puerto Rico. There are no reports of illness so far

US-DECLINING MIDDLE CLASS- The share of the nation's income earned by the middle class has fallen to its lowest level in recent decades. It's been surpassed by affluent earners as median wages stagnate and wealth concentrates at the top in a relatively weak economy. A study by the Pew Research Center highlights the diminished share for the roughly half of U.S. adults who define themselves as middle class, with incomes ranging from \$39,000 to \$118,000. The report describes this group as suffering its worst decade in modern history, having fallen backward in share of income for the first time since World War II and losing faith in the future. In all, 85 percent of middle-class Americans say it is more difficult now than a decade ago to maintain their standard of living

JET BLUE LEGROOM SPACE- JetBlue and Canada's WestJet are cutting legroom for some nonpremium seats. At the same time, they're increasing legroom for seats in higher-priced sections. JetBlue, a longtime champion of legroom, still says it offers the most legroom of any other carrier throughout coach. Now it's cutting leg distance from 33 inches to 32 inches in 11 rows aboard its fleet of 52 Embraer E190 planes. The extra space will be taken up by two more rows of seats near the front of the cabin with 38 inches of legroom. The change puts JetBlue on track to rake in \$150 million in additional revenue this year, says a spokeswoman

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MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR BLOCKS BENEFITS FOR IMMIGRANTS - LOURDES MELUZA, WASHINGTON, DC Gov. Phil Bryant (R-MS) has ordered state agencies to prevent undocumented immigrants who benefit from President Obama's deferred action directive from receiving any state public benefits. He said his executive order stopping the state from granting benefits to DREAM Act-eligible youth who qualify for the federal policy follows current state law. Mississippi already bans state agencies from providing benefits like unemployment payments or food stamps to people who are not U.S. citizens or legal residents. Republican governors in Arizona and Nebraska issued similar orders after the deferred action policy went into effect August 15.

UNDECIDED VOTERS - Almost two months away from the presidential election and almost one-fourth of voters are still undecided according to a poll done by Associated Press-GfK. These voters can be a defining factor in the elections, and a challenge for Barack Obama and Mitt Romney to win them over. Only 29% of voters are interested in the campaign and 51% have made a decision.

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YOSEMITE: 6 CASOS HANTAVIRUS - The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a health advisory on Friday over an outbreak of hantavirus at Yosemite National Park, saying 10,000 people who stayed in tent cabins there over the summer may be at risk. An estimated 10,000 persons stayed in the 'Signature Tent Cabins' from June 10 through August 24, 2012," the CDC said in the advisory. "People who stayed in the tents between June 10 and August 24 may be at risk of developing HPS in the next 6 weeks

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